

South Dakota PRICES RECEIVED

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LIVESTOCK AND CROP PRICES MIXED FROM LAST MONTH

SIOUX FALLS, April 30, 2003 – Preliminary April prices for some crops and livestock were up while others were down from last month, according to USDA’s South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Preliminary April crop prices were up for corn, soybeans, and sunflower, while wheat and other hay were down, and alfalfa hay and oats were unchanged. Preliminary April livestock prices were up for steers and heifers and sows, while cows, calves, and barrows and gilts were down.

The preliminary all beef cattle price, at \$72.10, was up 40 cents from March and up \$3.60 from April 2002. Steers and heifers, at \$76.90, were up \$1.70 from March and up \$4.10 from last year. Calves, at \$96.40, were down 70 cents from last month but 90 cents above last April.

The preliminary all hog price, at \$33.90, was down \$1.90 from March but up 80 cents from April 2002. Barrows and gilts, at \$35.00, were down \$2.20 from last month but up 80 cents from a year ago. Sows, at \$24.00, were up 50 cents from a month ago and up \$1.30 from last April.

Preliminary April all hay prices, at \$81.00, was up \$1.00 from March and up \$22.00 from last April. The alfalfa price, at \$84.00, was unchanged from last month but up \$21.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$59.00, was down \$1.00 from March but up \$19.00 from April 2002.

Preliminary all wheat price for April, at \$3.45, was down 15 cents from last month but up 65 cents from a year ago. The winter wheat price, at \$3.35, was down 14 cents from last month but up 82 cents from last April. The spring wheat price, at \$3.55, was down 16 cents from last month but up 71 cents from last year. The soybean price, at \$5.70, was up 22 cents from last month and up \$1.51 from last year. The April corn price, at \$2.22, was up 3 cents from March and up 51 cents from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$12.50, was up 20 cents from March and up \$2.60 from a year ago.

PRICES RECEIVED BY SOUTH DAKOTA FARMERS				
COMMODITY	UNIT	April 2002 1/	March 2003 1/	April 2003 2/
----- DOLLARS -----				
Corn	Bu.	1.71	2.19	2.22
Soybeans	Bu.	4.19	5.48	5.70
Sunflowers	Cwt.	9.90	12.30	12.50
Wheat, All	Bu.	2.80	3.60	3.45
Winter	Bu.	2.53	3.49	3.35
Other Spring	Bu.	2.84	3.71	3.55
Barley, All	Bu.	1.61	3.16	NA
Feed	Bu.	1.61	NA	NA
Malt	Bu.	NA	3.16	NA
Oats	Bu.	2.02	2.13	2.13
Flaxseed	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Hay, All	Ton	59.00	80.00	81.00
Alfalfa	Ton	63.00	84.00	84.00
Other	Ton	40.00	60.00	59.00
Cattle, All Beef 3/	Cwt.	68.50	71.70	72.10
Cows	Cwt.	40.10	40.20	39.80
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	72.80	75.20	76.90
Calves 4/	Cwt.	95.50	97.10	96.40
Hogs, All	Cwt.	33.10	35.80	33.90
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	34.20	37.20	35.00
Sows	Cwt.	22.70	23.50	24.00
Lambs	Cwt.	66.60	104.00	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	28.20	40.90	NA

1/ Full month. 2/ Mid-month. 3/ Over 500 lbs. 4/ Under 500 lbs. 5/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual buyers. NA = Not Available.

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